

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Knik Road RSA #17: Upgrade Service Area Roads

State Funding Requested: \$ 30,000**House District: 15 - H**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Upgrade service area roads.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$30,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$25,000	fy08				
Total	\$25,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Road Service Area roads are continually in need of upgrading to accommodate safety, traffic density, and drainage needs. Road upgrades include all work associated with: Sub base and surface preparation, drainage, widening, clearing and grubbing, geotechnical, stream crossings, environmental controls, realignment, connectors, right of way and easement acquisition, survey and engineering, and dust control. Although the RSA's funding needs are much greater than this request, this amount will make a big difference in meeting some of the upgrade requirements.

Project Timeline:

FY 2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough RSA

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: John Duffy, Borough Manager

Phone Number: 907-745-9689

Address: 350 E Dahlia Ave Palmer AK 99645

Email: jduffy@matsugov.us

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Karen Sawyer

From: Michael Garner [Michael.Garner@matsugov.us]
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 12:13 PM
To: Sen. Charlie Huggins
Cc: Jody Simpson
Subject: RSA Road Project funding request

Karen,

Kindly forward this e-mail to the appropriate parties concerning the MSB Public Works Dept. O&M Division request on behalf of the Road Service Areas (RSA) for supplementary funding.

Funding is being requested to support road upgrades in all RSA's. Road upgrades include all work associated with: sub base & surface preparation, drainage, widening, clearing & grubbing, geotechnical, stream crossings, environmental controls, realignment, connectors, right of way & easement acquisition, survey & engineering, & dust control.

Thank You

Michael Garner

Michael Garner
road Maint. Supt II
Msb
907-745-9816

Karen Sawyer

From: Beth Schneider
Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2008 8:30 AM
To: James Ellis; Karen Sawyer
Subject: FW: RSA 17 Capital Project request Letter
Attachments: 30K request.doc; supplemental request.doc; ATT00001.htm

From: Brian Morgan [shukapaw@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 10:59 PM
To: Beth Schneider
Subject: Re: RSA 17 Capital Project request Letter

Beth,

attached are two separate requests for funding. As the titles suggest, one is for \$30K and the other is a supplemental request.

The supplemental request is for \$100,000. This will not finish the project but anything more seems a bit too greedy to me. I would appreciate your input on this figure. It is almost a carbon copy of the 30,000 dollar request. (Is that a bad thing?) It seems to me that if that road is the number one priority, I should attempt to fund it to completion.

You have my permission to alter either of these documents for formatting purposes, etc.

I see you are working saturday AM. Please call me if there are changes I need to make or if I've overlooked something in either request. I will be around the house all morning but might be out doing dog chores or something similar. PLEASE call if doing so will help our cause

Thanks for your help in this matter

Brian

3/1/2008

Knik Road Service Area (RSA 17)

Brian Morgan, Road Service Area Supervisor

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CY2009 Capital Project Description

Carmel Road Construction

1. Project Name: Carmel Road Construction

2. Project Location and House District: Carmel Road, Matanuska-Susitna Borough; House District 15H

3. Description of Project: As the name suggests, the project is on Carmel Road, a busy collector road at approximately mile 9 of Knik Goose Bay Road. This project is located in the Knik-Fairview area of the borough that has recently been recognized as the fastest growing area in the entire state. The extension of this road will connect it with Knick Knack Mud Shack road and facilitate smoother, safer traffic patterns for this rapidly expanding area. The area within the borough has been broken into a number of road service areas (RSAs). These RSAs are not equal in the number of miles of roads nor the number of residents served. The smallest of the RSAs is comprised of fewer than 14 road miles. Our RSA, RSA 17, is by far the largest of the RSAs. We have over 151 mile of roads extending all the way out to Point Mackenzie and the Burma Landing area. We are responsible for the maintenance on all of these roads. We are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of roads leading to the new port even though we receive no tax money from that facility. The proposed prison in the Point Mackenzie area will be one more facility that pays no property taxes but still will require services from our limited budget. We have a long list of roads awaiting funds for improvements such as paving. We have prioritized these roads and are tackling the projects as funds allow. Carmel Road, the subject of this grant request, is at the top of our priority list.

4. Amount of Funding Request: \$30,000.

5. Total funding to complete the project: \$625,000.

6. Number of years to complete the project; start and end dates: The project is ongoing and is estimated to continue for two to three more years depending on how quickly funds become available, either through grant money or property taxes collected.

7. Matching funds available/sources: None.

8. If the project received prior state appropriations, list the amount and the year of the appropriation: No prior appropriations.

9. Are funds for the project included in the Governor's proposed FY2009 budget? If so, where? No, funds are NOT in the 2009 budget

10. Are federal funds being sought, either through competitive grants or earmarks?
No.

11. Has the project gone through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action by the governing body? Yes, the project has made it to the top of the capital improvement list for the RSA, the local governing body. We work side-by-side with the Borough's Public Works Department and our local Assembly member, Cindy Bettine, in prioritizing projects. All discussion and decisions on these projects are made in public meetings.

12. If funding is made available for the project this year, who will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance and operations costs? As with other roads in our service area, residents of the RSA will be responsible for maintenance and operation costs through property tax levies.

13. Legislator submitting request: Representative Mark Neuman

14. Project contact information - name, address, e-mail, phone number:

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Dear Representative Neuman's office,

My name is Brian Morgan and I am the Road Service Area (RSA) supervisor for Knik RSA , also known as RSA 17. I am writing in response to the Capital Budget Guidelines provided to me by Beth in your office. Below you will find the information requested on the form.

- 1) The project is called "Carmel Road Construction"
- 2) As the name suggests, the project is on Carmel Road, a busy collector road at approximately mile 9 of Knik Goose Bay Road. This project is within House District 15, Representative Neuman's District.
- 3) The project entails extending Carmel Road to the point where it will intersect with Knick Knack Mud Shack Road.
- 4) The amount suggested by Beth in your office is \$30,000.00. We would certainly like to obtain more if possible. (see RSA DISCREPANCY paragraph later in this request)
- 5) The total to complete the project is \$625,000.00. To date, the RSA has allocated \$325,000 of the \$625,000.00.
- 6) The project is ongoing and is estimated to continue for two to three more years depending on how quickly funds become available.
- 7) No, Matching funds are not included.
- 8) The project has not received prior year appropriations. However, approximately \$93,000.00 that was appropriated for a questionable project (This Way, That Way and Finally Here upgrade) is under consideration by the congressional delegation for re-appropriation to this project.
- 9) Funds are NOT in the 2009 budget unless the re-appropriation mentioned in item 8 is accomplished.
- 10) NO Federal monies are being pursued for this project.
- 11) Yes, the project has made it to the top of the capital improvement list for the RSA, the local governing body.
- 12) As with other roads in our Service area, taxpayers will be responsible for maintenance and operation costs through property tax levies.
- 13) Representative Mark Neuman
- 14) I will serve as contact in the event more information is requested. My contact information is as follows:

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RSA DISCREPANCY

Let me elaborate a bit on the discrepancy amongst the various RSAs. The RSAs are broken up into distinct geographical areas. There is no attempt to make them equal in size, number of residents, number of road-miles, etc. In fact, there is a huge discrepancy in the size and responsibility amongst the RSAs. Our RSA, RSA 17 has in excess of 150 road-miles for which we are responsible. Additional roads are being added continuously. We must maintain them all. Other RSAs have as few as 14 miles of road under their jurisdiction. The average number of road-miles is probably on the order of 70 to 75. Our RSA paid \$621,822 this year to a contractor for "maintenance" such as snow plowing, application of dust control products, routine grading, etc. Other RSAs paid as little as \$75,687 for these same services.

Our area is right in the heart of the Knik-Fairview area, the fastest growing area in the State. Our area extends way out to Pt. McKenzie and Burma Landing. These roadways are heavily used by people from throughout the area for recreation and commerce and yet we are charged with their upkeep. With the construction of Port McKenzie and the proposed prison, the traffic will only increase. We will gain the responsibility for the upkeep of more heavily-traveled roads without an increase in the tax base to pay for them. (Neither the Port nor the prison will pay property tax.) Additionally, much of the property out in the Point McKenzie area carries an "agricultural" designation and pays reduced property tax. However, residents in this area expect services equal to those in more populated areas.

I feel it would be a more equitable distribution of State funds to appropriate more for those areas which have more roads to maintain. As you can see, \$30,000.00 in the form of a grant represents about 40% of the road maintenance budget for some of the smaller RSAs but would represent less than 5% of ours.

In any case, we would certainly like to request at least the \$30,000 for the Carmel Road Construction project and more if you see fit.

Thank You,

Brian Morgan
RSA 17 Supervisor

Karen Sawyer

From: Rep. Mark Neuman
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 10:53 AM
To: Karen Sawyer
Subject: FW: RSA 17 Capital Project request Letter
Attachments: Dear Representative Neuman.doc

From: Brian Morgan [mailto:shukapaw@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 5:08 PM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: RSA 17 Capital Project request Letter

Dear Representative Neuman, Beth and Rex,

Attached please find a word document in which I have attempted to answer all the questions posed on the form provided by Beth.

Please take a look at my unsolicited commentary at the end of the letter in regards to inequities in RSAs.

Thanks for your time,

 an Morgan



2/26/2008